

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
BOARD OF PHARMACY

vs.

ROBERT WARREN, R.Ph.

**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws (1999 Reenactment) Section 5-19.1-21 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Department") has investigated a complaint charging Robert Warren, R.Ph., (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Chapter 5-19.1 of the Rules and Regulations.

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent.

1. Respondent is a pharmacist licensed to practice pharmacy in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That at all pertinent times Respondent was employed as a registered pharmacist at Veteran's Hospital, Providence, RI.
3. That on or about June 15, 2005 in Federal Court, Case No. CR 05-71T entitled, United States of America vs. Robert Warren, R.Ph., you did plead guilty to the following charges:  
  
you did knowingly and willfully embezzle, steal and convert to your own use a quantity of oxycodone tablets with a value of under \$1,000, which tablets were the property of the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641 (Count I); you did knowingly and intentionally possess oxycodone, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 844(a) (Count II); and you did knowingly and willfully embezzle, steal, and otherwise without authority convert to your own use the property of a health care benefit program, as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 24(b), to-wit

oxycodone, which property has a value less than \$100.00, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 669 (Count III).

4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 5-19.1-21 and Section 24.1(11) of the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a pharmacist licensed to practice pharmacy in the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a "proposal of the Department and is subject to the final approval by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final approval by the Department.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
  - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
  - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
  - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
  - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
  - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
  - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;
  - h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
  - i) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.

5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
6. Respondent admits the allegations contained above.
7. Respondent's registration as a pharmacist shall be suspended for a period of two (2) years upon execution of this Order by both parties.
8. That this Consent Order shall constitute a final disposition of the matters and obviates the necessity for an administrative hearing.

Robert Warren  
Robert Warren, R.Ph.

Steven DelMoro  
Chairperson  
Board of Pharmacy

Ratified as an Order of the Board of Pharmacy this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2006.

16<sup>th</sup>